GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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VISIT OF INDIAN TEAM TO U.S.A
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian team of experts visited Washington recently;

(b) if so, the composition and purpose thereof;

(c) whether the team held any discussions with U.S. officials; and

(b) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c) An inter-ministerial team of diplomatic, defence and law enforcement officials visited Washington D.C. from 10-12 July 2002 for the fifth meeting of the India-U.S. Joint Working Group on Counter-terrorism.

(d) Reaffirming their nations` shared commitment to prevent acts of terrorism and neutralise terrorist organisations, the two sides agreed to further intensify their cooperation to combat terrorism, including through cooperation in the areas of anti-terrorism training and capacity building programmes in a number of areas; strengthening intelligence sharing, coordinating action and deepening investigative cooperation; advancing cooperation in counter-terrorism related technology and equipment; and, working together for the full and effective implementation of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1373, which provides a comprehensive and mandatory framework for sustained global action against terrorism.